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**Friends,**

As we approach Thanksgiving, I hope that you and your family can enjoy fellowship and reflect on the blessings afforded to us as citizens of the greatest nation on earth.

### **Grilling Secretary Mayorkas**

On Tuesday, DHS Secretary Mayorkas and FBI Director Wray testified at the House Homeland Security Committee. Secretary Mayorkas previously testified before the Judiciary Committee that he believes the border is secure, despite the estimated 2.76 million border crossings, and at least 599,000 got-aways, this year. This situation has only worsened in the months since he last testified.

I asked Secretary Mayorkas and Director Wray a simple question - **is the border secure?**

Anyone paying attention can see the obvious answer is no, yet Secretary Mayorkas again stated that, in his assessment, the border is secure.



I also asked Secretary Mayorkas about the [recent reporting from \*The Intercept\*](#) revealing that the government worked with Big Tech to censor Americans' speech online. He tried to brush it off and claimed there were no such efforts to curtail free speech, despite the credible whistleblower reports exposing DHS' attempts to create a Disinformation Governance Board earlier this year.

Partisan bureaucrats must be held to account, and in the new Congress, we will do just that.

**READ:** [5 Key Moments From Mayorkas' and Wray's Hill Testimony](#)

### **Exercising Congressional Oversight**

On Monday, I spoke on a panel with Julie Kelly and Robert Delahunty, who have both written about the importance of reigning in the administrative state.



The administrative deep state is rotten. These alphabet soup agencies are bloated, woke, politicized, and ripe for reform. I intend to use all available avenues to make government accountable to the people, not to unelected bureaucrats in Washington.

As whistleblowers continue to step forward and speak out against the partisan and abusive tactics from the FBI and other agencies, Congress must pursue justice.

**TWEET:** [Dan Bishop: The administrative deep state is ripe for reform](#)

**Gobble, Gobble: North Carolina Turkeys Pardoned**



We're less than a week from Thanksgiving, and as we all know, the best turkeys come from North Carolina. But two lucky turkeys won't be on your plate this year, as the President will be pardoning two turkeys from NC-09's own Circle S Ranch in Monroe!

**READ:** [Biden saves North Carolina turkeys from being your Thanksgiving dinner](#)

The Tar Heel state is home to almost 33 million turkeys, almost 3.1 turkeys for every resident in the state. North Carolina is responsible for 14% of the country's turkey production and the industry brings in over \$600 million dollars to the state each year.

This year's Capitol Christmas tree is also from North Carolina, and it arrived in DC today! North Carolina is the best place to spend the holiday season, and we're happy that a piece of home is bringing Christmas cheer to the nation's capital.



### **Upcoming in DC: Lame Duck Congress**

Congress is now in the "lame duck" session. This time, the Democrats are on the way out, and looking to jam through a monstrous spending spree. Historically, lame duck sessions see exiting members push the most damaging and wasteful legislation as legacy projects. Congress must stand firm against these rushed and radical policies.



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Congress needs to stand firm against reckless spending and terrible policies.

The economy is in a bad place, and business as usual is what got us here. No more.

Just this week, the Biden Administration asked Congress for an additional \$37.7 billion in Ukraine funding. This is absurd. America has already provided more than \$40 billion to Ukraine. These funds have received little to no oversight, which is plainly unacceptable.

Yesterday, I cosponsored a resolution of inquiry that calls for auditing the money we've already sent to the Ukraine. Americans deserve to know where their tax dollars are going, and the blank checks to foreign countries must end.

**READ:** [EXCLUSIVE: House Republicans Introduce Legislation Auditing Ukraine Spending](#)

### **Now Hiring Spring Interns!**

My office is now hiring Spring interns. All internships are paid and offer students the opportunity to gain valuable experience serving on Capitol Hill.

Interns will be asked to answer phones, conduct research for the Member and legislative staff, assist the communications team, attend hearings and briefings, and participate in educational opportunities.

Any interested applicants should email their resume to [Kennon.later@mail.house.gov](mailto:Kennon.later@mail.house.gov)

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